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SUBJECT: US REPLY TODPQ(73)

SUMMARY. INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) HAS INFORMALLY ASKED US MISSION TONATO FOR CLARIFICATION OF CERTAIN POINTS IN REGARD TO MC 55/2 CLASSIFICATION OF FORCES IN US REPLY TO DPQ(73). ANSWERS ARE NEEDED BY IS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE STATISTICAL ANNEX TO DRAFT COUNTRY CHAPTER ON US FORCE PLANS FOR 1974-78 PERIOD.

WASHINGTON ACTION REQUESTED: PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS OUTLINED BELOW. END SUMMARY

1. ARMY, MAJOR COMBAT UNITS (EARMARKED AND STRATEGIC RESERVE). AN MC 55/2 CLASSIFICATION HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR THESE UNITS BUT FOR END-1973 ONLY. DOES THE SAME MC 55/2 RATING APPLY TO END-1972 AND TO THE 1974-78 PERIOD?

2. ARMY, 3/509 INFNATRY BATTALION AIRBORNE COMBAT TEAMS.

DPQ(73) STATES AS UNIT IS UNDERGOING INITIAL ORGANIZATION, MC 55/2 DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE. IS CLAIMS THEY NEED TO HAVE A CLASSIFICATION FOR THIS UNIT IN ORDER TO SHOW THE UNIT IN CONFIDENTIAL

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THE FORCE TABLES OF THE STATISTICAL ANNEX. IN USNATO VIEW RATING OF A-5 WOULD BE APPROPRIATE BEGINNING IN 1974.

3. ARMY, NATION COMMAND DIVISION/BRIGADES. REPLY TO

DPQ(73) STATES THESE 2ND ECHELON FORCES ARE MAINTAINED FOR NATIONAL PURPOSES BUT CONSIDERED AS APOTENTIAL SOURCE OF RE-INFORCEMENT FOR SACEUR. IS HOPES TABLE A, ADDENDUM II, WHEN AVAILABLE, WILL PROVIDE THE MC 55/2 CLASSIFICATION FOR THESE UNITS BY YEAR SO THEY CAN BE CARRIED ACCORDINGLY ON THE FORCE TABLES OF THE STATISTICAL ANNEX.

4. AIR FORCE, NATIONAL COMMAND SQUADRONS. IS HAS ASKED FOR MC 55/2 RATINGS, ALTHOUGH REPLY TO DPQ(73) STATES MC 55/2 STANDARDS CANNOT BE APPLIED TO NATIONAL COMMAND AIR FORCES (IN THIS CASE CAPABLE OF BEING IN PLACE BETWEEN M PLUS 10 AND M PLUS 30), THE RATING OF A-4 WOULD SEEM APPROPRIATE IN USNATO VIEW.

5. MARINE CORPS. WE ASSUME FOOTNOTE "1" AT TOP OF PAGE MC-1 OF TABLE I, MARINE CORPS, APPLIES TO MAF FOR ALL YEARS UNDER REVIEW.

6. NAVY, DIGS. IS NOTES IN REPLY TO DPQ(73) DIGS ARE LUMPED WITH CRUISERS WHILE IN DPQ(72) DIGS WERE GROUPED WITH DESTROYERS. IS ASKS IF US CAN PROVIDE A SEPARATE TOTAL FOR DIGS?  
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